



FORESTRY NEWS




Presales Hires Two Lead Marking Technicians

Two highly accomplished individuals have just been hired by the Presales section to lead their marking crews.



SAM HINTON

Sam Hinton has worked for the BIA and WMAT since he graduated from Alchesay High School in 1978. He worked briefly refueling the helicopter for Helitak before moving on to work in Forest Development for a couple of years. Sam then became a squad boss along with Varnell Gatewood and Ralph Thomas for the original Fort Apache Hot Shot crew formed in 1982 under Hotshot Superintendent Gibson Pinal. Following that, Sam joined Tribal Forestry, and even worked for a year doing quality control for FATCO before being hired in 1993 as a BIA Timber Scaler. Sam held that job for over 21 years. One can only imagine just how many logs Sam scaled during that time!


Sam's new job allows him to get back in the woods: *"I started my career in the woods and now after 21 years of scaling logs I get to enjoy working directly in the forest again"* he states. 

Mark Goklish also graduated from Alchesay and then he continued with his studies at Haskell where, in 1986, he earned his A.A. degree in Applied Science. Mark then worked for a season with the Forest Service in Colorado before returning home to work with Tribal Forestry.



MARK GOKLISH

Mark spent 27 years working for the tribe doing a variety of forestry jobs from marking to reforestation to fire. Mark was a crew boss during the Rodeo-Chediski Fire and initially attacked both fires before they combined. He ended up completing two 14-day assignments on that massive blaze based out of Cibecue.

Most recently, Mark served as the Type 5 Incident Commander with the Apache 1 Initial Attack Crew. He is also qualified as a Crew Representative and a Task Force Leader Trainee. When asked about his new job Mark said, *"I am glad that I am still able to help my tribe in my new forestry position."* 

Lucky Holden is Sam and Mark's supervisor. *"I am glad to get two people who are so highly qualified that I know can do the job without much oversight and who can be my eyes and ears in the field"* he stated. *"Since I know these guys, I know that our goals will be accomplished. I don't worry about the crews now because I know they are in good hands."* Lucky has worked with Sam since 1979 and still remembers Mark's first day working for the tribe. *"I look forward to a great season,"* Holden concluded.

Kazakhstan ?



Kazakhstan is a country in central Asia that was part of the former Soviet Union. It is the 9th largest country in the world and was once occupied by Genghis Khan. The name itself means the "land of the Kazakhs." So why is this information on world geography being shared in Forestry News? Kazakhstan is soon to be the home of at least four White Mountain Apaches. Tribal Forest Manager Jonathan Brooks and his family are moving to this country half way around the world. There will be a going away party for Jonathan at the Sunrise Lodge at 2 PM on July 16th. The family flies out on August 1st. Please RSVP with Brenda Begay if you plan to attend.

FORESTRY TOPICS DISCUSSED AT MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Men's Conference, held at Sunrise Resort in June, included forestry topics this year. Orlando Carroll was asked to speak about trees and their opportunity to inform the forest around them. The in the woods behind the well-attended and well-mated 120 men took part two different groups. They became familiar with the trees grow-resort & discussed their importance and other forestry topics.

